



Fatality #11 - June 2, 2003

Fall/Slide of Material - GA – Clay

J. M. Huber Corporation - Sandersville Huber Mine

METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY - On June 2, 2003, a 52-year old contractor foreman, with 25 years construction experience, was fatally injured at a surface clay operation. The victim was installing a 24-inch drainpipe in a 9-foot deep trench when a portion of the trench wall caved in and partially engulfed him.



Best Practices

- Carefully examine ground conditions prior to performing tasks near excavated embankments, trenches or ditches.
- Identify hazards associated with the task to be performed and implement measures to ensure persons are properly protected.
- Ensure trench walls are either supported or sloped to a safe angle.

This is the eleventh fatality reported in calendar year 2003 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2002, there were eighteen fatalities reported in these industries. This is the first fatality classified as sliding material in 2003. There was one sliding material fatality in the same period in 2002.